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SUBJECT: SOMALI AMBASSADOR ADDOU'S CALL ON ASSISTANT
SECRETARY SCHAUFEELE

1. AMBASSADOR ADDOUT CALLED ON ASST. SECY. SCHAUFEELE ON
JAN. 26 TO DISCUSS DEPT. ASST. SECY. SEELYE'S PROPOSED
STOP IN MOGADISCIO DURING HIS FORTHCOMING TOUR OF AFRICAN
CAPITALS. SINCE NO HIGH-LEVEL US OFFICIAL HAD VISITED
MOGADISCIO SINCE ASST. SECY. NEWSOM'S 1971 VISIT, ADDOU
HAD HOPED THAT AMB. SCHAUFEELE COULD HAVE VISITED MOGADISCIO
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AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, HE WAS PLEASED TO CONFIRM ON
INSTRUCTIONS THAT AMB. SEELYE WOULD BE WELCOME TO COME AND
DISCUSS BILATERAL RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY SINCE THERE WAS
A STRONG DESIRE IN MOGADISCIO TO OVERCOME THE VARIOUS
SUPERFICIAL OBSTACLES AND IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE
UNITED STATES. THE CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATIONS PROVIDED A
GOOD MOMENT FOR SUCH A VISIT.

2. ASST. SECY. SCHAUFLE REPLIED THAT HE HAD LONG WISHED TO VISIT MOGADISCIO BUT WAS PREVENTED BY OTHER DEMANDS AND HAD THEREFORE ASKED AMB. SEELYE TO GO. AMB. SEELYE IS AN EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT AND THE MOST SENIOR OFFICIAL IN THE DEPARTMENT FAMILIAR WITH DETAILS OF THE HORN. HIS REPORTS WOULD THEREFORE BE OF PARTICULAR USE IN THE POLICY REVIEWS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. SCHAUFLE HOPED SEELYE

WOULD BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES TO TALK ON BILATERAL MATTERS WITH HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING PRESIDENT SIAD IF THAT COULD BE ARRANGED. SEELYE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THE DJIBOUTI QUESTION IN MOGADISCIO.

3. ADDOU REPLIED THAT HE HAD GREAT HOPES THAT THE SEELYE VISIT WOULD BRING POSITIVE RESULTS. CONCERNING THE FTAL, ADDOU SAID FRANCE NOW UNDERSTOOD THAT MOGADISCIO HAD NO DESIGNS ON DJIBOUTI. SOMALI RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA WERE POOR BUT ETHIOPIA'S PROBLEMS WITH SUDAN AND LIBYA AT LEAST HAD THE ADVANTAGE FOR SOMALIA OF CONCENTRATING ETHIOPIA'S ATTENTIONS ELSEWHERE. ADDOU EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT NIMEIRI AND SAID THAT THE GSDR HAD CONVEYED ITS SUPPORT TO HIM AND HOPED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD HELP STABILIZE HIS REGIME.

4. ADDOU SAID THAT SOMALIA WAS ALSO ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND NOTED THAT MAJ. GEN. AHMED SULEIMAN ABDULLE, SON-IN-LAW OF

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PRESIDENT SIAD, HAD RECENTLY HAD A FRUITFUL VISIT TO THAT COUNTRY.

5. AMBASSADOR ADDOU SAID THAT HE WOULD BE GOING BACK TO MOGADISCIO IN MID-FEBRUARY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT SIAD AND OTHERS.

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